



## **Introduction to STAAR L A Guide for Parents**

### **What is STAAR L?**

STAAR L is a version of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR®) for eligible students who are learning English. STAAR L is an online test that uses linguistic accommodations to help students better understand the language they are reading so they can demonstrate their academic knowledge and skills.

When students take a STAAR L test on the computer, they may click on certain words and phrases in the test questions to see either simplified language, a dictionary definition, or a picture. They may also hear words in the test questions read aloud by the computer. Some students who take STAAR L may be eligible for additional linguistic accommodations, such as the use of a bilingual dictionary.

STAAR L is available for mathematics, science, and social studies tests. While STAAR L is not available for reading and writing assessments, eligible students may receive linguistic accommodations while taking these tests. Contact your child's school if you have questions about the linguistic accommodations your child received during testing.

### **How long will my child be eligible to take STAAR L?**

Generally, students can take STAAR L for their first three years in U.S. schools. After this time, most students take STAAR but can continue to receive certain linguistic accommodations during testing. Contact your child's school if you have questions about the progress your child is making academically or in learning the English language.